

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
July 1, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Nedrow Mayor, Eric Baca Vice Mayor, Bill Lucas, Ron Thebeau and Phelps Wilkins.

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Eduardo Coronado Town Attorney, Larisa Bogardus Community Dev. Tom Malone PWD.

Public: Kevin Burk, Ron Cavanaugh, Jim Muth, Dan Muth, Henry & Cora Lee and Jennifer Prochnow Chamber Director.

1. Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nedrow.

3. Public Participation:

Ron Cavanaugh addressed the Council regarding vehicles using handicapped parking without either a placard or license plate. He stated that a police officer had been called and the officer advised it was private property and they had no jurisdiction. He said the same thing had happened at Safeway where an officer had been called because of a same situation. The officer instantly responded and took care of the situation. Mr. Cavanaugh asked for a clarification between public and private property.

Mr. West stated that the officer should have taken care of the call especially if it marked with a placard. He explained the difference between public and private property but noted that he thought Mr. Cavanaugh's concern was with the officer not responding and reiterated that the officer should have taken care of the situation.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports.

Ms. Prochnow gave a brief update on the Visitor Center for the month of June. She reported that she has had a considerable response to the 4th of July parade and the fire works. People are really excited about the fire works again this year. She reported that the hits on the website have increased by 50%. She reported that they cleared \$1678 to put in the coffers after paying all of the vendors for the Round Valley Roundup. The Chamber is working on a new Visitors Guide that will incorporate the new brochure, a map and a directory. The annual Hi Country Hummers will be held on July 25th at Sipe's Ranch. New officers were elected at the annual luncheon and Linda Martin was elected new president.

Town Manager West reported that the Town has been busy getting ready for fire works. He thanked Tom and his crew for digging the trenches to set the tubes. He advised the council that are new policies in place regarding how far forward people will be allowed to go. He also noted that everyone involved with the fireworks have been certified or have started the process of getting certified. Staff has worked hard to get them covered under our workers compensation. He said he'd received numerous calls asking if the fire works were going to happen. The community is excited about getting the fire works back this year and felt that this was a keeper. He we were having fire works. He advised them that the fire works is a keeper and we may have to contribute to keep them in the Valley.

He reported that the initial preliminary budget should come out either the last week or the week prior and we expect to have the budget adopted fifteen days after we get the budget set. There isn't a big push until after the State adopts theirs and we know what amounts they help fund.

Mr. West recognized Cora and Henry Lee who did custodial services for the Town for the past eight years and presented them with a plaque in appreciation for their dedicated service to the Town of Springerville.

Mayor Nedrow stated that it would be nice to have pictures taken when we give out awards and presentations.

Mr. West suggested that it would be nice to have the press here taking pictures. Val assured him that the agendas are emailed to the paper.

5. Consent agenda.

a. Consider approval of the June 17, 2009 council meeting minutes.

Mayor Nedrow stated there needed to be a correction to the minutes under item 10 noting that the minutes reflect that she was present when she was not.

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to approve the minutes with the correction to item 10.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

6. Old Business: None

7. Sheriff Joseph Dedman Jr.

Apache County Sheriff Dedman Jr. gave a brief presentation on the Sheriff's office on his accomplishments in first 100 days in office. Using the surveys they identified the strengths and weaknesses of the office. Two new positions of criminal investigators were created in the Sheriff's office. He reported that his office conducted a sting operation jointly with the Arizona Department of Liquor and License Control on selling to under age drinkers and no citations were issued in Springerville. He advised the council that he is submitting a proposal to Homeland Security for a helicopter for use in Apache and Navajo Counties and is asking for \$2.5 million. They are looking to put an officer on I-40 for Drug Interdiction. The Council thanked the Sheriff for coming in and keeping them updated.

8. Dan Muth: Discussion regarding the county roads that lie within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Springerville.

Mr. Muth explained that several years ago the Apache County by resolution initiated by the Town of Eagar giving all the county roads to Springerville and Eagar. However, they didn't ask the Town's to formally accept them. Mr. Muth presented a map for the council to view. He stated that the resolution needs to be readdressed. There needs to be a formal relinquishment of rights of way by the County and a formal acceptance by the Town's. Dedications are formally signed by the Mayor and the Clerk of the Town's. He advised the council that each road needs to be addressed individually by the County for acceptance by the Town. He noted several roads including Tumbling T which has a gate across the road and is a county road. He addressed several roads.

Town Manager West said we would like our attorneys to draft the document for the county to relinquish these roads back to the Town of Springerville. We would like to proceed with a document for the County. The Town currently maintains these roads. He reiterated that they are looking for direction to have the town attorneys draft a document for the roads.

Mr. Coronado stated that Mr. Shaffery would draft a proposal and said it could be put back on the agenda for the July 15th meeting for acceptance by the council.

9. Resolution 2009-R007: Discussion and action regarding resolution 2009-R007 authorizing the submission of an application for an Arizona Transportation Enhancement Program grant for the Historic Springerville Elementary School Streetscape project.

Phelps Wilkins/Bill Lucas motion to approve Resolution 2009-R007.

Larisa Bogardus explained that this is a lengthy process. There are multiple rounds of review beginning with NACOG. She said we probably won't know about funding until next spring. If awarded we have three years to get to bid ready and do the actual work.

Town Manager West said this money would be ear marked in the budget under grants and won't cost the Town anything if the grant isn't accepted.

Councilman Thebeau expressed concern with using this money to build a streetscape when they could do sidewalks and cross walks for the rest of the Town.

Town Manager West explained this grant money can only be used on the State Route, but he agreed that it could be used to extend sidewalks along Highway 60. He asked Councilman Thebeau to make of list of where he feels crosswalks should be.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

10. Executive Session:

Eric Baca/Phelps Wilkins motion to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.03 A (1) (3) and (4) for legal consultation at 7:00 p.m. for:

- a. Personnel evaluation with the town manager.
- b. Discussion on the town manager position.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

Phelps Wilkins/Eric Baca motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

- c. Any action/discussion as a result of the executive session.

Councilman Baca announced that as a result of discussion in executive session the council is considering splitting the positions of the Town Manager and the Chief of Police by January 1, 2010. They are also going to develop a process to evaluate the Town Manager for the future.

11. Adjournment:

Phelps Wilkins/Eric Baca motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2009

Town Clerk